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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 27, 1865.—Referred to Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

[By the Chair.]

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 25, 1865.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the War Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF WAR.

Confederate States of America,
War Department,
Richmond, Va., February 22, 1865.

To the President of the Confederate States:

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, an estimate of funds required to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the compensation of the Secretary of War, Assistant Secretary, Chief of Bureau, Clerks and Messengers, arising from the increase of pay authorized by the recent legislation of Congress. The estimate is for the fiscal period ending June 30th, 1865.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Secretary of War.

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ESTIMATE.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., February 22, 1865.

SIR:

I have the honor to request that you will ask of Congress an appropriation, before its adjournment, of the following sum:

For "compensation of the Secretary of War, Assistant Secretary, Chief of Bureau, Clerks and Messengers" (to supply deficiency caused by increase of pay from the present time to June 30th, 1865), - - - - - -	$165,360 00

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED CHAPMAN,
Disb'g Clk. War Dep't.

HON. J. C. BRECKINRIDGE, *Sec. of War.*

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